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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 1, please delete the heading "DESCRIPTION".

On page 1, after the title, insert the heading **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**.

Replace the paragraph on page 1, starting on line 5 with the following text:

The present invention relates to a conveying apparatus for an article to be inspected by an inspecting apparatus for small articles such as medicine in the form of tablets, capsules, etc., small confectionery such as a candy and the like, a washer, a battery cell, or the like, in a defect inspection process, a visual inspection process, a dimensional check process or the like.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ A Notice Of Change Of Attorney's Address and Associate Power Of Attorney is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	27	-	20	**	LG=\$18 SM=\$9	\$18 126
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	3	-	3	***	LG=\$84 SM=\$42	\$84 0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS					LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$280 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$140	\$ 280
TOTAL						\$ 406

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